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SUBJECT: CRUX ENDS DRILLING PROGRAM AFTER THREE DRY HOLES

1. OFFICIALS OF AMERICAN OWNED CRUX (INTERNATIONAL) LTD. TOLD EMBASSY OFFICERS THAT CRUX FINISHED ITS FIRST DRILLING PROGRAM ON APRIL 1. THEY SAID THAT ALL THREE WELLS WERE DRY HOLES. TWO WELLS WERE DRILLED IN THE GULF OF GONAVE AND ONE A FEW MILES OFF GRAND SALINE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE ARTIBONITE VALLEY.
2. THE CRUX OFFICIALS SAID THAT THEY PLAN TO REVIEW THE DATA COLLECTED IN THE FIRST PROGRAM TO DETERMINE WHETHER A SECOND DRILLING PROGRAM IS MERITED. HAVING TESTED THE BEST FORMATIONS IN HAITI'S BEST BASINS WITHOUT FINDING HYDROCARBONS, THE CRUX OFFICIALS DESCRIBE THEMSELVES AS "ENTHUSIASTIC BUT NOT OPTIMISTIC". "EVEN THE BEST BASINS ARE SMALL AND OUR THREE-WELL PROGRAM MUST BE CONSIDERED MORE DEFINITIVE THAN A SIMILAR PROGRAM IN LARGER AREAS."
3. OUTLOOK: THE TWO DRY WELLS IN THE GULF OF GONAVE PROBABLY DEFINE ITS POTENTIAL. THE ARTIBONITE MAY

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HAVE SOME SMALL POTENTIAL. THE PLAINE DU NORD IS NOT PROMISING AS THE ROCKS ARE TOO OLD. THE LES CAYES BASIN APPARENTLY HAS SOME INTERESTING FORMATIONS BUT THE CRUX OFFICIALS SAID THAT THEY GREATLY RESEMBLE THE SHALLOW UNPRODUCTIVE FORMATIONS OF THE GULF OF GONAVE. A VENEZUELAN COMPANY, HIDECA, IS CONDUCTING PRELIMINARY GRAVITY SURVEYS IN THE PLATEAU CENTRALE

AND MAY START A WELL THIS FALL.
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